

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

October 5, 2018

The Honorable Kirstjen M. Nielsen Secretary of Homeland Security 3801 Nebraska Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20528 The Honorable Daniel Coats Director of National Intelligence 1500 Tysons McLean Drive McLean, VA 22102

The Honorable Christopher Wray Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation 935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Madam Secretary, Mr. Coats, and Mr. Wray:

The Committees are aware of an alleged infiltration of the U.S. government supply chain by a Chinese hardware manufacturer. If true, malicious chips hidden in any electronics produced by this manufacturer could allow remote access and control of connected systems. According to the allegations, several Federal agencies with national security missions acquired servers embedded with compromised technology.

The Committees have a continued interest in the protection of the U.S. government supply chain from hostile foreign interference. To assist the Committees in conducting this oversight, please arrange to provide a classified briefing for Committee staff on this matter and any related matters no later than October 22, 2018.

¹ Jordan Robertson & Michael Riley, *The Big Hack: How China Used a Tiny Chip to Infiltrate U.S. Companies*, BLOOMBERG BUSINESSWEEK (Oct. 4, 2018), https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2018-10-04/the-big-hack-how-china-used-a-tiny-chip-to-infiltrate-america-s-top-companies.

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Please contact Meghan Green of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform at (202) 225-5074 with any questions about this request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Trey Gowdy

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and

Government Reform

Sincerely,

Devin Nunes

Chairman

Permanent Select Committee on

Intelligence

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

The Honorable Adam B. Schiff, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence